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COURSE ON NORTH AMERICAN JUDAISM GIVEN AT LOYOLA

A course on North American Judaism in its various religious and historical dimensions will be given this year in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola by Professor David Rome, historian and librarian.

The course, which is recommended to all registered students and open to Faculty, continues a tradition established in the Department of Theological Studies: in past years Rabbis D. Hartman, L. Poller, Dr. S. Cass, B. Haner and M. Halpern have taught Judaism at the College.

The exploration of Jewish traditions is intended to benefit both Christians and Jews by surveying the various phenomena of contemporary Judaism in the light of its historic experience and in the perspective of universalism and ecumenism. It will survey the plurality of specific Jewish motivations and loyalities on an interdisciplinary basis. Towards this end it will invite a variety of scholars and spokesmen to present shades of theology and a multiplicity of emphases and communal concerns.

Mr. Rome is a graduate of McGill, the Université de Montréal and the University of British Columbia. He is the author of the books "Jews in Canadian Literature", "The Jewish Presence in Early Canada", "The First Two Years", an essay on the Philosophy of Modern Jewish History and of other works on Canadian history.

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He is also a contributor to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, the Universal Jewish Encyclopaedia, the American Jewish Year Book and many other publications. He has long been active in Catholic-Jewish relations in Quebec, has lectured on Judaism at McGill University, headed the Jewish Public Library of Montreal for twenty years and is a member of the Arts Council of the Quebec Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

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